GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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AMENDMENT OF FORMULA FOR ALLOCATION OF CENTRAL ASSISTANCE
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was wide divergence in the views expressed by States in respect of amendment of existing formula for allocating normal Central assistance to State plans;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c)whether the Government has considered the matter in the National Development Council (NDC);

(d)if so, the decision taken by the NDC;

(e) whether the decision of NDC has been made effective; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V.RAJASEKHARAN)

(a) & (b): Consequent upon the formation of the new UPA Government, the Planning Commission initiated Regional Meetings with Chief Ministers of States under the Chairmanship of Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission covering the entire 6 (six) regions of the country i.e. North, South, East, West, Central and North East. However, except Rajasthan, none of the States raised the issue of amendment of the existing formula of allocating Normal Central Assistance (NCA) to State Plans. In this context, the State of Rajasthan suggested that Gadgil Formula may be revised by giving weightage to the geographic area, index of infrastructure development and percentage of SC/ST population.

(c) to (f): does not arise.